

terrorist attacks on September 11. Let's again resolve to proceed in a bipartisan manner to address the underlying problems of our national disaster response as we continue to supply the necessary support to the people of New Orleans and the gulf coast to enable them to put their lives and their communities together again.

TRIBUTE TO HALL OF FAME
COACH JIM BOEHEIM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Syracuse University's Head Coach and my fellow Central New Yorker, Jim Boeheim. On September 10, 2005, Coach Boeheim was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame joining the likes of legendary coaches such as Red Auerbach, Lenny Wilkens, and Dean Smith.

On and off the court, Coach Boeheim has proven to be a great leader and a great mentor. Both his colleagues and players admire his coaching abilities as well as his personal traits.

Coach Boeheim became head coach of Syracuse University in 1976 after working as an assistant. Since then, his resume shows a remarkable list of accomplishments:

- 703 career wins;
- 74.5 winning percentage;
- 1 National Championship—2003;
- 10 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances;
- 3 Final Four appearances;
- 40 NCAA Tournament wins;
- 27 20-win seasons;
- Big East All Time Wins Coach;
- Three-time Big East Coach of the Year;
- Eight Big East regular season championships;
- Elected to Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame—1991;
- 2000 Recipient of the Claire Bee Award;
- Three-time USBWA choice for Coach of the Year;
- Nine-time NABC District II Coach of the Year;
- Eighth-fastest Division I coach to reach 600 wins.

Clearly his record alone is worthy of his induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame, but as any Syracuse native can attest, his efforts do not stop on the hardwood floor. Both he and his wife Juli are active community members. They organize and participate in a wide variety of community events; all with the goal of giving back to the people who have given them so much.

Topping the Boeheims' list of community endeavors is their creation of Coaches vs. Cancer's Basket Ball. Basket Ball, a yearly celebration of dinner and dancing aimed at raising funds for local American Cancer Society programs and services, has brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars and benefited an untold number of cancer victims.

Mr. Speaker, undoubtedly Coach Boeheim deserves this prestigious honor, and it is with great pleasure that I help recognize his commitment to Syracuse University, Syracuse basketball, and our community as a whole.

HONORING AND MEMORIALIZING
THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF
UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, 4 years after the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 gave their lives to save others, Congress recognized their heroic actions by passing legislation calling for a permanent memorial in the U.S. Capitol. The presence of mind and strength they exhibited on September 11, 2001 averted an even greater tragedy in the Pittsburgh region.

As passengers and crew of Flight 93 called their loved ones and quickly learned of their fate, they knew what had to be done. Looking out the plane's windows that clear day, they saw our homes, our schools, and our communities in southwestern Pennsylvania. Valuing human life, something their hijackers did not, they waited to act until they were over an empty field, sparing our lives. Their goal of averting tragedy in our Nation's capital was realized, but in their final moments, they were also thinking of us.

For their actions that day, families throughout southwestern Pennsylvania hold a special place in their hearts for the passengers and crew of Flight 93. Prayers of thanks go to them for giving their lives to save so many. I encourage every resident of the 18th Congressional District visiting Washington, DC to take time to stop by the memorial after its completion and honor Flight 93. We have our lives, our families, and an enduring example of the human spirit for which to thank them.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
DON MELHORN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Don Melhorn received the President's Award from the Muskingum County Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, Don Melhorn has been acknowledged by the members of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau for his excellence and commitment toward farming; and

Whereas, Don Melhorn should be commended for his outstanding dedication to the Muskingum County Farm Bureau and for his exceptional knowledge and expertise.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Don Melhorn for receiving the President's Award.

IN HONOR OF DR. AMANDA BADEN,
2005 ANGEL IN ADOPTION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, Dr.

Amanda Baden, who is an outstanding example of someone who has made a critical difference in the lives of children through work on adoption issues. Dr. Baden, a Licensed Psychologist and Assistant Professor at Montclair State College, is my congressional district's Angel in Adoption. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the gala honoring her, so I hope to honor her now.

Dr. Baden's commitment to adoption issues is rooted in her own history: She was born in Hong Kong and adopted as an infant by a couple from New York. She has used her personal experience to advance the understanding of trans-racial adoption by academics and professionals. Her contributions to the adoption community have touched many lives.

Through her passion and determination, she has actively engaged and educated professionals in the adoption process. She co-developed the Cultural-Racial Identity Model, which has gained recognition for its value as an alternative means for considering the identity paths for transracial adoptees. Dr. Baden, along with Mary O'Leary Wiley, recently published a journal article pertaining to birth parent issues in *The Counseling Psychologist*. She was also part of the writing team that published the "Outstanding Major Contribution" in *The Counseling Psychologist* on adoption issues in 2003. She has lectured regionally and nationally and she has co-chaired the series of adoption-related conferences at St. John's University in New York City. She has conducted numerous workshops about the psychology of adoption for professionals, families, and adoptees of all ages. I look forward to her soon-to-be-published work, *The Handbook of Adoption*, which I believe will become a singular reference for families interested in adoption.

In addition, Dr. Baden gives freely of her time to many organizations involved in adoption. She is a consultant and board member to both the Korean Adoptee and Adoptive Family Network (KAAN) and the Families with Children from China of Greater New York (FCCNY). She also contributes her time to International Adoption Alliance and the Children's Aid and Family Services organizations in New Jersey. Dr. Baden has even found time to initiate and lead a peer-support group for professionals dealing with issues of adoption in their own fields.

Dr. Baden is highly recommended by her peers in the academic world and by those in the adoption field. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Penn State University, a Master of Education in Counseling from the University of Georgia, and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Michigan State University. I invite you to visit her website www.transracialadoption.net to learn more about her work and adoption issues.

Dr. Amanda Baden is a remarkable individual who has set an example of passion and commitment we should all strive to achieve.

UGANDA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express our Nation's gratitude for the contribution made by the people and Government of

Uganda to the relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Sam Kutesa was in Washington recently when he announced that his country was donating \$200,000 to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. Expressing his government's sympathies toward the people affected by Hurricane Katrina, Minister Kutesa said: "We know that, under the guidance of the two former presidents, money collected by the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

While a contribution of \$200,000 may seem small in comparison to the vastness of the hurricane's destruction, please keep in mind that Uganda is a small country that has also suffered its share of devastation.

Americans must remember the terror and oppression of the Idi Amin regime, which came to an end in 1979 but its effects are still being felt. The ruthless dictator Idi Amin deliberately destroyed Uganda's economy and infrastructure and displaced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes and businesses.

In 1986, after a long civil war, President Yoweri Museveni came into office with promises to stabilize the country, facilitate economic growth, and restore dignity and humanity to the political process. In the years since, he has largely lived up to those promises, although—like any country trying to emerge from decades of tyrannical government—Uganda still has problems that need to be addressed.

Uganda's contribution to the recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina should be seen in the context of the bonds of friendship between our two countries. Uganda is a key regional ally in the global war on terror, and through the efforts of President Museveni and his government, East Africa is a more stable place today than it was 20 years ago.

Indeed, Uganda has faced its own, home-grown terrorism, in the form of the brutal Lord's Resistance Army, which has raped and pillaged the northern part of Uganda and terrorized the population there. Led by religious zealot Joseph Kony, the Lord's Resistance Army kidnaps children and forces them to be soldiers in a pointless war against their own families and neighbors. There is a very good reason that the Lord's Resistance Army has consistently been listed as a major terrorist organization by the State Department's annual publication, *Patterns of Global Terrorism*.

Uganda also faces a terrorist insurgency by the smaller, but no less deadly, Allied Democratic Forces. The ADF, as it is known, extends its tentacles beyond Uganda: Several of its members were captured in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban and al-Qaeda, and they are now interned by the U.S. government at Guantanamo Bay.

With all this in mind, our gratitude toward Uganda and its people, and particularly toward President Museveni, should be clear and strong.

Mr. Speaker, it recently became my pleasure to become the co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Uganda. I encourage all Members of this body to consider joining the caucus so that they can study more closely the U.S.-Ugandan bilateral relationship and learn more about how Uganda and the United States can work together on matters of mutual concern.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask that an article entitled "Uganda Is Latest African Donor of Relief to Hurricane Katrina," by Washington File staff writer Jim Fisher-Thompson, be entered into the RECORD. This article treats in more detail some of the issues I have just described.

UGANDA IS LATEST AFRICAN DONOR OF RELIEF TO HURRICANE KATRINA: FOREIGN MINISTER KUTESA DESCRIBES \$200,000 DONATION

(By Jim Fisher-Thompson)

WASHINGTON.—Uganda has joined other African nations responding to devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina with a donation of \$200,000 for relief and rebuilding efforts in New Orleans and communities along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Visiting Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa told the Washington File September 7 that the government of President Yoweri Museveni and the people of Uganda "feel with you and sympathize with you at this time of sorrow. We know you have lost dear ones, as well as considerable property. And we want Americans to know we are thinking of them and are standing shoulder to shoulder with them."

The official made a point of mentioning the donation was not just a pledge but that the money would be transferred immediately to the Bush-Clinton Katrina fund.

Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. Gulf Coast August 29. The storm and subsequent flooding have devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and left thousands homeless.

A statement released by the Ugandan Embassy September 8 announcing the donation quoted Museveni as saying, "The United States has been generous in responding to natural and humanitarian disasters all over the world, including in Africa. Uganda has more than once been the beneficiary of this generosity and justice requires us to aid the people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who have lost their homes and loved ones."

President Bush named his father, a former president, and former President Bill Clinton to head up fund-raising efforts for reconstruction that may cost more than \$150 billion. The hope is they can duplicate their very successful fund-raising efforts for victims of the devastating tsunami that struck South Asia in December 2004.

Kutesa said, "We know that under the guidance of the two former presidents money will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

Uganda joins other African nations contributing to Katrina relief including: Djibouti, \$50,000; Gabon, \$500,000; and Kenya, \$100,000.

Noting the symbolic value of the Uganda donation matched against the immense sums needed for reconstruction, Kutesa told the Washington File, "America has been very generous in helping Uganda fight HIV/AIDS and developing its economy. So it is only right that we try to help as much as we can. We wish we could do more but we are limited."

Kutesa said, "We know what human tragedy can mean. Unfortunately in Africa much of it has been man-made instead of natural. The human tragedies of Idi Amin and Milton Obote, for example, led to the deaths of more than 800,000 Ugandans" in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Now, he said, Uganda is one of the best friends America has in Africa and "we look forward to strengthening our relations as we both cope with the aftermath of disasters that have struck our countries."

Kutesa's next stop in America is New York City, where he said he will participate in the

annual United Nations General Assembly meeting the week of September 13-17. President Museveni plans to attend with a number of other African leaders.

A highlight of the U.N. gathering, Kutesa said, will be a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda in a tripartite peace process for eastern Congo begun two years ago with the help of the U.S. State Department. After Burundi recently joined, the Great Lakes peace effort is now called the "3 plus 1" talks.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL FINKELSTEIN'S 50 YEARS AS AN ATTORNEY AND LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Daniel Finkelstein, a great New Yorker and a dear friend of mine. On September 29, 2005, Danny's friends, family and colleagues will gather to celebrate his 50 years as an attorney. Anniversaries are a time for reflection, and I feel that it is fitting to reflect on the career of a truly remarkable man.

Mr. Finkelstein's distinguished 50-year career as a real estate litigation attorney has earned him the respect of New York's legal community; indeed, Danny is widely known as the "Dean" of New York's landlord-tenant lawyers. Formerly a founding partner of New York City's largest landlord-tenant law firm, Danny currently serves as the senior partner of Finkelstein Newman LLP.

A graduate of New York University and Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Finkelstein's professional accomplishments include his service as Senior Real Estate Manager for the Board of Estimate of the City of New York and his role as Assistant Chief Enforcement Attorney to the Temporary State Housing Rent Commission.

Mr. Finkelstein also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association, NYCLA, and was the chair of its Committee on the Civil Court. He is an active member of several NYCLA committees, including the Association's Committees on the Judiciary and the Civil Court Practice Section.

Danny has made tremendous contributions to the legal profession, but he has also placed a priority on teaching the law to others. For many years, Danny served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School and taught courses at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Mr. Finkelstein's contributions to legal scholarship include a two-volume, 2000 page treatise on Landlord and Tenant Practice in New York and his service as Editor-in-Chief of *Landlord-Tenant Monthly*, a law journal published by Treiman Publications.

Additionally, Mr. Finkelstein lectured, in conjunction with Brooklyn, Fordham, and New York Law Schools, on the rights of senior renters before members of the New York State Bar Association, on the conduct of landlord-tenant trials at numerous legal education forums and on arbitration and mediation programs. I am particularly proud of Danny's work